

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON**

DAVID SARRUF,

Plaintiff,

v.

LILLY LONG TERM DISABILITY PLAN &
LILLY LIFE INSURANCE PLAN,

Defendant.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00461-JCC

**JOINT STATUS REPORT AND
JOINT MOTION FOR
ADDITIONAL THIRTY-DAY
STAY**

Plaintiff David Sarruf (“Plaintiff”) and Defendants The Eli Lilly and Company Long Term Disability Plan (the “LTD Plan”)¹ and The Eli Lilly and Company Life Insurance and Death Benefit Plan (the “Life Insurance Plan”)² (collectively, “Defendants”), by and through their attorneys, hereby respectfully submit this Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Additional Thirty-Day Stay, as follows.

On August 27, 2024, the Court granted the parties’ Joint Motion to Stay Case to allow the Parties to continue discussions on ways to potentially resolved this matter. The Court stayed all pending case deadlines, and ordered the Parties to file a joint status report by September 17, 2024 to inform the Court of the status of this matter and, if necessary, to propose

¹ The LTD Plan is incorrectly named in the Complaint as the Lilly Long Term Disability Plan.

² The Life Insurance Plan is incorrectly named in the Complaint as the Lilly Life Insurance Plan.

1 a new scheduling order. *See* Dkt. 25.

2 On September 16, 2024, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Stay and Joint Status Report,
3 which requested an additional thirty-day stay of all pending case deadlines in order to allow
4 the Parties to continue to explore whether the case could be resolved by settlement. *See* Dkt.
5 26. The Court granted the Motion and stayed all case deadlines through October 16, 2024 and
6 ordered the parties to file a joint status report by the same date. *See* Dkt. 27.

7 The Parties report that they are continuing to engage in settlement discussions. Plaintiff
8 has made a settlement demand, to which Defendants have responded with a counter offer.
9 Plaintiff has proposed that the parties mediate this matter, and Defendants are considering
10 whether a mediation is the most efficient way to bring this matter to a resolution.

11 The Parties accordingly request that the Court stay all case deadlines for an additional
12 thirty days while they continue to explore whether the case can be resolved by settlement. The
13 Parties propose that, should this Joint Motion for Additional Thirty-Day Stay be granted, then
14 on or before November 18, 2024, the Parties will file a joint status report to inform the Court of
15 the status of this matter and, if necessary, to propose a new scheduling order.

16 This Motion is not made for purposes of delay or prejudice, but so that justice may be
17 done. This case has been pending only since April 2024, and the requested brief stay is intended
18 to allow the Parties to continue to explore whether the case can be resolved by settlement.

19 WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request that the Court issue an Order staying all
20 pending deadlines in this case for thirty days, through and including November 18, 2024.

21 Respectfully submitted,
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1 Date: October 16, 2024

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[PROPOSED] ORDER STAYING CASE

This matter came regularly before the Court through the Joint Status Report and Joint Motion for Additional Thirty-Day Stay (**Dkt. No. 30**) filed by the Parties above. The Court, having considered the Joint Motion and the facts described therein, finds good cause for the agreed-upon stay and hereby ORDERS that all pending case deadlines be stayed through and including November 18, 2024. The Parties are also ORDERED to file a joint status report by November 18, 2024 to inform the Court of the status of this matter and, if necessary, to propose a new scheduling order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16th day of October 2024.



THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of October 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record who receive CM/ECF notifications.

By: /s/ Douglas F. Stewart
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